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1. On 25 October 1950, the Neue Kaserne in Altenburg (N 51/K 27), which is located on the western side of the road to Leipzig, was occupied by a unit with about 50 officers, 200 NCOs, about 300 EM including recruits, and a military band of about 20 men. All had returned from a troop training grounds. The troops allegedly made up two artillery platoons with about twenty 125 or 150-mm guns and about twenty 150-mm cannons. In addition to daily infantry training, the troops were engaged almost daily in gun drill with two 150-mm cannons. The unit allegedly had 15 personnel carriers, about 120 trucks, and about 40 prime movers.

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2. On 26 October, the Herzog-Ernst Kaserne on the eastern side of Leipzigerstrasse was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Not all of the troops stationed there had returned to the post by that time. Between 10 and 15 AT guns of 75 mm were seen in the billeting area. On 25 October, two gun crews wearing gas masks were observed at artillery drill.

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25X1 Thirty-five trucks and 10 personnel carriers were observed in the billeting area. *

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